PATENT Docket No. 422232000300

DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

AS A BELOW-NAMED INVENTOR, I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

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I believe I am the original, first and joint] inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PRICING AND ALLOCATION OF COMMODITIES OR SECURITIES, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United

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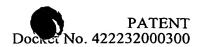
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In the application of:

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR For:

> PRICING AND ALLOCATION OF COMMODITIES OR SECURITIES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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all of Morrison & Foerster LLP, 425 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-2482, telephone (415) 268-7000, to prosecute this application and transact all matters in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, said appointment to be to the exclusion of the inventors and their attorneys in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71 provided that if any one of said attorneys or agents ceases being affiliated with the law firm of Morrison & Foerster as partner, employee or of counsel, such attorney's or agent's appointment as attorney or agent and all powers derived therefrom shall terminate on the date such attorney or agent ceases being so affiliated.

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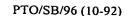
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- B. \(\subseteq \) A chain of title from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT JOINT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Michael H. EVELYN, Robert S. GOLDBERG, Jordan M. HAYES, Cliff M. HAYES, Othar HANSSON, Charles A. OCHERET (hereinafter referred to as the assignors), residing at Far Hills, New Jersey, Brookville, New York, Berkeley, California, San Francisco, California, Union City, California and Scarsdale, New York, respectively, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, said assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PRICING AND ALLOCATION OF COMMODITIES OR SECURITIES, set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, W. R. Hambrecht & Co., LLC, a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of Delaware and having its principal place of business at 550 15th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 (hereinafter referred to as the assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said assignors have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions, application for Letters Patent, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, for its own use and the use of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the assignors, had this sale and assignment not been made.

AND for the same consideration, said assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with said assignee its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, said assignors are the sole and lawful owners of the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and the application for Letters Patent above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered and that said assignors have good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth.

AND for the same consideration, said assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that said assignors will, whenever counsel of said assignee, or the counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said inventions, or said application for Letters Patent, or any proceeding in connection with Letters Patent for said inventions in any country, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patent or any reissue or extension of any Letters Patent, to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of Letters Patent for said inventions, without charge to said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, but at the cost and expense of said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

AND said assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to said assignee as the assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon for the sole use of said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

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